



1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Baltimore</u> TOWN <u>Lutherville</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>319 Melanchthon Avenue</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>residence</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>O. F. Cain</u> PRESENT USE <u>residence</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2½</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME <u>319 Melanchthon Ave.</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>ca. 1860</u> STYLE <u>Downing-Vaux Villa</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER <u>Joseph R. Marston</u> 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>no</u> <p>This large house is a Lutherville rarity with respect to its two story porch spanning the front facade and facing Melanchthon Avenue. The wide veranda roof, supported on round Tuscan type columns wraps around three sides of the house. At the front facade the roof supports the shallower second floor covered gallery with wrought and cast iron balustrades set between its columns. Brackets over each column support the gallery roof's eaves, the same height as the sparsely bracketed eaves of the side elevations. Above the gallery roof the front facade's decoratively shingled gable is set with three six over six sash windows. Dormers and rear gables provide additional attic lights.</p> <p>Opening onto the veranda level, the double front doors with side lights and a transom are flanked by four elongated windows which appear to be "French" type doors. These windows of the five bay front facade have three lights in each leaf under a two light transome. At the gallery level there is a similar arrangement, though the doorway lacks sidelights. More conventional six over six sash fill most of the other window openings. An interesting two story semi-octagonal bay window, its modillioned cornice at the main eaves and with semi-circular arched windows at the second floor, is positioned at the east elevation with a rear attic gable perpendicular to the main ridge all presenting an asymmetrical facade. The west facade is somewhat more regular with its simple spacing of the window bays at each floor level. The rear facade is characterized by the unusual addition of two gabled wings, side by side, attached to the main structure of the</p>			
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house and set with a two story porch at the rear. All the windows are hung with louvered blinds which at the front facade are paneled below the center rail.


On the grounds is a superb, square stone spring house with a low hipped roof supporting a handsome cupola complete with louvered, semi-circular arched panels on each side and a bracketed roof with a finial. Wooden lentils are set over each of the masonry openings in the stone work. In addition to the spring house there is an equally interesting small cottage at the rear of the main house. A Greek Revival cella type house in form with a one and a half story central section and a lower one story wing at a right angle to the main structure, this rather early 19th century house form is embellished with elegant Italianate details. At the front entrance, centered in the gabled end of the main structure, the six panel door is protected under a porch hood supported by curving brackets. Above a small segmentally arched window lights the attic space. The open pedimented gable cornices are supported at the ends and at the corners with pilasters having full bracketed caps, two brackets to each face, which carry the eaves. Six over six sash fill the windows of the main structure. Finally of note, there is a short bridge spanning across a stream which runs through the property. Set between the square, capped newels are very thin, closely spaced turned balusters supporting a flat rail.

In summation, this unusual house, said to be shingled over original clapboarding, presents an interesting mid-19th century form that was probably heavily "Victorianized" later on in the century. Together with its two fine outbuildings and large corner lot the house is significant to Lutherville.



1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN <b>Lutherville</b> VICINITY <b>Dist. VIII</b> STREET NO. <b>Melanchton &amp; Front Aves.</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-<del>199</del> 198</b>  2. NAME <b>#318 Melanchton &amp; Front Aves.</b> <i>(Lutherville)</i> DATE OR PERIOD <b>1857</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
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<p>Two-story, square style house, with dormers, wide porches on three sides; frame and shingled in recent years. Built by Mr. Joseph R. Marston, an importer of fine china.</p> <p>(second HABS report)  E. Frances Offutt  HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE  COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  March 20, 1968</p>			
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